



Important Notice

Change in Acknowledgment format

Effective January 1, 2008

Assembly Bill 886 has been signed by the Governor and will become law on January 1, 2008. This will change the format for a California Acknowledgment and the new format is printed below. **This will be the only format accepted by California Recorders for documents signed after December 31, 2007.** Please review AB 886 for additional important information relating to the duties of a notary public.

Note that "personally known" has been eliminated as an element of identification from both forms and a sworn statement has been added to the acknowledgment form (new language is in *Italics*).

SEC. 2. Section 1189 of the Civil Code is amended to read:

1189. (a) (1) Any certificate of acknowledgment taken within this state **shall be in the following form:**

State of California)
County of _____)

On _____ before me, (here insert name and title of the officer), personally appeared _____, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.
Signature _____ (Seal)

SEC. 7. Section 8202 of the Government Code is amended to read:

8202. (a) When executing a jurat, a notary shall administer an oath or affirmation to the affiant and shall determine, from satisfactory evidence as described in Section 1185 of the Civil Code, that the affiant is the person executing the document. The affiant shall sign the document in the presence of the notary.

(b) To any affidavit subscribed and sworn to before a notary, there shall be attached a jurat in the following form:

State of California

County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this _____ day of _____, 20____, by _____, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared before me.

Seal _____
Signature _____